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GARY FARMER Hosts Santa Fe Independent Film Festival Awards Ceremony at the Lensic Performing Arts Center Followed by the NM Premiere of the SXSW hit FUNERAL KINGS

Santa Fe, NM (September 24, 2012) Santa Fe Independent Film Festival is three weeks away. Beginning on Wednesday, October 17th through Sunday, October 21st. Santa Fe IFF is looking forward to presenting its most exciting festival to date. On Saturday evening, GARY FARMER (DEAD MAN, POW WOW HIGHWAY, THE SCORE) hosts Santa Fe IFF's Non-Juried Awards Ceremony at The Lensic Performing Arts Center beginning at 7 p.m. Director Matthew McManus and producer Michael McGary will be in attendance to introduce the New Mexican premiere of their SxSW hit FUNERAL KINGS, and for a Q&A after the screening. "FUNERAL KINGS has nabbed comparisons to both "Stand By Me" and "Superbad." Following a group of foul-mouthed, angel-faced, middle school altar boys who stumble upon some dangerous gangsta dealings led by the local video store owner (a perfectly cast Kevin Corrigan), the McManus brothers' astonishingly assured debut also plays like Tarantino channeled through the mouths of babes." (Lauren Wissot Director of Programming, Filmmaker Magazine Contributing Editor)

Kevin Corrigan is also featured in the Santa Fe IFF's Official Selection SUPPORTING CHARACTERS, which will be screened at Warehouse 21 on Thursday October 18th at 7 pm. The runway Tribeca Film Festival hit stars Alex Karpovsky (*GIRLS*, *SLEEPWALK WITH ME*, *TINY FURNITURE*) and features a hilarious cameo from his co star and creator of *GIRLS* Lena Dunham.

Santa Fe IFF Non-Juried Awards are hosted by GARY FARMER Co-Chair of Santa Fe IFF's Advisory Board. Gary will present the 2012 awards to filmmaker CHRIS EYRE (*HIDEAWAY*, *SKINS*, *CSNY*) . Other esteemed awardees include Jon Hendry who will receive Santa Fe IFF's Cornerstone Award for his contribution for the film industry in New Mexico. Awards are designed by Fred Lopez of Santa Fe Tinworks. Santa Fe IFF' first annual Tamalewood award will be presented to Tatanka Means for his work in New Mexico. Other awardees will be announced soon.

Santa Fe IFF is also pleased to announce the release of the first Santa Fe Independent Film Festival app in collaboration with Santa Fe County and Farm to Restaurant for a week of film and food. The app is now available on the itunes store for ipad and iphone users. "The Santa Fe Independent Film Festival app is a state of the art way to learn about all the exciting events and over eighty film screenings at the 2012 Indie Festival. The app also creates a special opportunity for the community in Santa Fe to experience the festival together." (Kimi Ginoza Green Co-Chair of Santa Fe IFF Advisory Board)

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### **About the Santa Fe Independent Film Festival**

Santa Fe Independent Film Festival was founded four years ago by local filmmakers to bring the best of independent film to Santa Fe and reignite the historic love affair between Santa Fe and Film. 2012 marks the fourth year of Santa IFF's all volunteer organization offering a growing festival for independent film, filmmakers and film lovers. Santa Fe IFF is dedicated to the economic development of our city and New Mexico film. Santa Fe IFF is committed to attracting a growing number of people who make and love films from all over the world to join this year's Fest to enjoy independent films and the unique charm of Santa Fe. The Fourth Annual Santa Fe Independent Film Festival continues its mission in exhibiting the best of independent film to diverse audiences, creating educational opportunities, and building community partnerships.

The 4th Annual Santa Fe Independent Film takes place October 17 to 21, 2012. For more information contact:

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